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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report

(Report as of 8:45 AM EST)

1. The opposing forces remain deadlocked this morning with little indication that a compromise solution is at hand. There were no reports of major violence last night either in the capital or elsewhere in the country.

2. Although yesterday's OAS committee declaration in support of Garcia Godoy has had a sobering effect on the Dominican military, the US military attachés report that they can find no evidence that Rivera Caminero and his service chiefs are relenting. Navy chief Ramon Jimenez has refused again to accept the President's appointment to replace Rivera Caminero as Secretary of the Armed Forces.

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3. The other officers named as replacements by the Provisional President reportedly have renounced the appointments in front of their troops. Their general strategy, in the view of the attachés, is to stand fast and wait for Garcia Godoy to resign or for the IAPF to move against the Dominican military.

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4. [redacted] Balaguer's Reformist Party (PR) [redacted] advised Vice President Joaquin Castillo yesterday to accept the presidency should Garcia Godoy voluntarily resign. Because the PR favors the holding of elections as soon as possible, it is willing to support Garcia Godoy and, if necessary, Castillo, rather than risk having a new government delay elections now scheduled for June 1966.

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5. Many officials of the former Constitutional-ist government and a majority of the leaders of the Dominican Communist Party are said to be in hiding for fear of arrest. US military sources have reported that over 400 known Communists and leftists have been detained throughout the country by the Dominican military and police.

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